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PRICE TWO CENTS.

Exploded.

Another Explosion Came.

With a Roar That Could Be Heard for

Miles a Torrent of Flame Belched

Over the Crowd, and Over

Two Hundred Were Badly

Burned-Scenes Beg-

gar Description.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, PA., May 12.-Sheraden

Yar, of the Panhandle Railroad, was the

cene this evening of one of the most

disastrous explosions and fires known in

this section for many years. A score of lives were lost, and about 200 person were so badly burned that, according to

the judgment of physicians in attend-

ance, seventy-five per cent. of them will die from the effects of their injuries.

HARRY F. SMITHEY, leverman; re-

BILLY TAYLOR, brakeman, Urichs-tille, Ohio.

ELMER HUNTER, conductor.

ALBERT M'KEAN, brakeman, Shera-

#### BAPTISTS ADJOURN FETID CLOUDS LOWER OVER CITY INHABITED ONLY BY DEAD MEN

30,000 Corpses Strewn About Ruins of St. Pierre.

FURNISH FOODFOR SHARKS

Visit to Devastated City Confirms Worst Anticipations.

DREADFUL ODORS FILL THE AIR

Bodies of Dead Found in Heaps Where They Fell in Last Agony of Death. The President Sends a Special Message to Congress Asking Appropriation of a Half Million Dollars.

FORT DE FRANCE, ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE, May 12.-1t now seems to be generally admitted that about .... persons lost their lives as a result of the

outbreak of the Mont Pelee volcano, at St. Pierre, on Thursday. Careful investigation by competent Government officials show the earlier reports were accurate. Briefly put, last Thursday morning the city of St. Pierre disappeared within ten minutes in a whirling fire vomited from Mont Pelee; 30,000 persons were instantly and horribly killed, and the volcano, whose resistant ly and horribly killed, and the volcano, whose ancient crater for more than fifty years had been occupied by a quiet lake in which picnic parties bathed, suddenly discharged a torrent of flery mud, which rolled towards the sea, engulfing everything before it. Then the last of cable communication was broken and the doomed city was isolated from the worid. The American Consul at Guadaloupe, Louis H. Ayme, has reached the desolate spot where St. Pierre stood and confirms the awful story in all its essential firms the awful story in all its essential

From an interview with Colonel Ayme, who is a trained American newspaper man, a correspondent of the Associated Press learned the following facts:

Thursday morning the inhabitants of the city awoke to find heavy clouds shrouding the Mont Pelee crater. All day shrouding the Mont Pelee crater. All day Wednesday horrid detonation had been heard. These were echoed from St. Thomas on the north to Barbauces on the south. The cannonading ceased on Wednesday night and fine ashes fell like rain on St. Pierre. The inhabitants were alarmed, but Governor Mouttet, who had become a St. Pierre the compine before.

over the town and bay, sweeping all be-fore it and destroying the neet of vessels at anchor off the shore.

There the report of the catastrophe, so far obtainable, ceases.

Thirty thousand corpses are about, buried in the ruins of St. Pierre, or else floating, gnawed by sharks, in the surrounding seas. Twenty-eight charred, half-dead human beings were brought here, sixteen of them already dead, and of the whole number only four

Associated Press steamer, char-The Associated Press steamer, chartered in Guadaloupe, neared Martinique at 6:30 Sunday morning. The island, with its lofty hills, was hidden behind a huge veil of violet, or leaden, colored haze. Enormous quantities of wreckage haze Enormous quantities of wreekage of large and small ships and houses strewed the surface of the sea. Huge trees and tons of bodies, with nocks of sea gulls soaring above and hideous sharks fighting about them, were floating here and there. From behind the volcanic vessel came blasts of hot wind, mingled with others ice cold.

At Lee Precheur, five miles north of St. Biorge, canoes with men and women,

Pierre, canoes with men and women, frantic to get away, begged for a passage

overed with a silver gray coating of ashes resembling dirty snow. Furious blasts of fire, ashes and mud swept over the steamer, but finally St. Pierre was

the steamer, but finally St. Pierre was reached.

BODIES IN PILES.

The city of St. Pierre stretched nearly two miles along the water front and half a mile back to a cliff at the base of the volcano. The houses of the richer French families were built of stone. The still smoking volcano towered above the ash-covered hills. The ruins were burning in many piaces and frightful odors of burned flesh filled the air. With great difficulty a landing was effected. Not one house was left intact. Viseld heaps of mud, of brighter ashes or piles of volcanic discharge, were seen on every side. The streets could hardly be traced. Here and there amid the ruins were Here and there amid the ruins were heaps of corpses, almost all with their faces downward.

heaps of corpses, almost all with their faces downward.

In one corner twenty-two bodies of men, women and children were mingled in one awful mass, arms and legs protruding as the hapless being fell in the last struggles of death's agony.

Through the middle of the old place Bertin ran a tiny stream, the remains of the River Gayave. Great trees, with roots upward and scorched by fire, were strewn in every direction. Huge blocks and stones, still hot, were scattered about. From under one large stone the arm of a white woman protruded. Most notable was the ulter silence and the awful, overpowering stench from the thousands of dead.

WERE SUFFOCATED.

Careful inspection showed that the flery

Careful inspection showed that the flery stream which so completely destroyed St. Pietre must have been composed of pois-Grous gases, which instantly suffocated every one who inhaled them, and of other gases burning furiously, for nearly

#### THE DISASTER COMPLETE.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary Hay has received the following cablegram, dated May 11, from Consul Ayme, at Guadaloupe, who went to Fort de France, Martinique, by instructions from this government:

The disaster is complete. The city wiped out. Consul Prentis and his family are dead. Governor says 30,000 have perished, 50,000 are homeless and hungry. He suggests that the Red Cross be asked to send codfish, flour, beans, rice, salt, meats, and biscuits as quick as possibly. Visits of war vessels valuable."

An important feature of Consul Ayme's cablegram is the reference by him to the Governor as an authority for the estimate of the loss of life. Preceding dispatches, including the official messages received at the French colonial offices in Paris, reported that there was no doubt that Governor Mouttet, as well as Colonel Dain, the military commander at St. Pierre, had perished.

twenty vessels in the roadstead at the time of the disaster. The British steamer Roccam had anchored, but Captain Freedman, although horribly burned, managed to keep on the bridge of his vessel. Ev-e ybody on the Roddam's deck was killed e body on the Roddam's deck was killed instantly, but with the assistance of his third engineer and a fitemag! who were wounded the captain brought his vessel to St. Lucia. Many persons tried to reach the Roddam, but in vain. The United States vice-consul at St. Pierre, Ameede Testart, reached the deck of the Roddam, only to fall back into the sea dead. dead.

BLAZING RUINS. Three hours exploration of the ruins of St. Pierre resulted in the finding of no tucce of the American consulate. Consul Themas T. Prentiss, his wife and two daughters are undoubtedly dead. That quarter of the city is still a vast mass of blazing ruins. Nor has any trace been found of James Japp, the British consul. Japp had a large family at St.

at Saturday, after ten hours work, a captain and a detail of soldiers found two and a half million francs in the bank of Martinique. The yaults of the bank of Martinique. The vaults of the English bank at St. Pierre were found to be intact, and were not opened. The coast villages near St. Pierre were

The coast villages near St. Pierre were destroyed simultaneously with that town. The entire island up to within a few miles of Fort de France is covered with mud and ashes. The cattle of the island are either all dead or dying. The streams have dried up or are polluted. Thousands of persons are flocking to Fort de France. Unless relief is promptly sent famine is imminent, and there is urgent need for the services of the Red Cross Society. The French cable line via Europe, is now the only communication with the outside world. The demands made upon this line are extremely heavy. tremely heavy. ON ST. VINCENT.

The British Royal mail steamer Solent brought awful news from the British island of St. Vincent. May the 8th and 8th a volcano there, the Southfriere, broke into violent eruption. Mud. ashes, and fire were hurled into the town stone and lire were mired into the town of Kingstown, the capital of the island, and over the country. From the mea-gre reports obtainable here, it is known that 500 deaths had occurred in St. Vin-cent up to Friday night, and that the volcano there was still active at that time cano there was sin active at that the volcanic detonations were distinctly heard in Barbadoes, a hundred miles away, and the fall of ashes there was so heavy that it resulted in intense darkness for several hours during the af-

Hamilton de Lourey, a passenger en the Royal Mail steamer Esks, states that between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of May 8, a huge black mass of vapor hung over the volcano on St. Vincent and that the mountain was raining ashes, while there we a continuation of electric while there ws a continuation of electric flashes about the mountain top. A boat

flashes about the mountain top. A boat from the Esk went in toward the shore with mail, but had to return.

The central and southern parts of St. Pierre are still burning. The country-side is deserted. Every family on the island is mourning the losse of relatives or friends. Busines is at a complete standard.

Mount Pelee's still in eruption, and even more violent and disastrous erup-

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# GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

#### mas Made Happy by Announcement of Faculty.

of Medicine, after a lengthy session last night, announced the names of the sucnight, annotated the cessful men applying for degrees in the various departments and the appointments to the various hospitals annually ments to the various hospitals annually

fille. Va.

The Virginia Home for Incurables-Dr.

capus gases, which instantly suffocated every one who inhaled them, and of other gases burning furiously, for nearly pill the victims had their hand covering their mouths or were in some other attitude showing that they had sought relief from suffocation. All the bodies were carbonized or roasted.

A. G. Austin, the manager of the Colonial Bank of Barbadoes, landed at St. Farre with a party from the British Hoyal Mail steamer Solent. He found the bank clocks stopped at some minutes before \$ o'clock. A horse and a buggy and a policeman were in a dead group at the Goor.

The cable repair ship Grappler was lost with all on board, as was the French vessel Tamaya. There were eighteen or

Dr. Hatcher Last Speaker War Claim Has its Influence Heard at Convention.

Virginians Among Those Who Upon the Settlement Depends Dr. Filled Pulpits of City.

SERVICES WITHOUT LIGHT

Dr. Mullens, When Lights Failed, Continued His Sermon in Dark, and After Benediction Congregation Filed Out by Lights from Matches-S. S. Board. Foreign Missions.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 12 .- The verdict to-day seems unanimous that the sermons preached yesterday in the Asheville pulpits by Baptist divines were all of a high order. A number of those who preached were Virginians-Carter Helm Jones, R. J. Willingham and J. B. Haw-

At the Central Methodist Church last name in the twinking of an eye all the electric lights went out. Preacher and congregation behaved with wonderful coolness. Not pausing a sec-ond, the preached went on to the end of the sermon, and in due form the benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. L. Wood, of Staunton, Va. The people passed out by the light of matches struck here and there throughout the house, To-day the Sunday-School Board and Foreign Missions have been considered. Rev. Z. C. Taylor, missionary from Ba-hia, Brazil, spoke interestingly. He says

that in the late Spanish-American war Brazil was strongly in sympathy with the United States TEARS FLOWED.

The convention had a tearful time when Dr. Carter Helm Jones presented Rev. C. B. Willingham, the son of Secretary Wil-lingham, who soon goes to Japan. The young man spoke briefly, but well, and as the people saw the tears streaming down the cheeks of his father all hearts were touched and the hymn and prayer which followed, Rev. E. E. Bomar lead-ing, were tender and uplifting.

The convention heard with interest Sec-retary Whitiey, of the Baptist Mission Board of Australia. While Southern Baptists average 10 cents per member per year to foreign missions. Australian Baptists average 10 cents per member per

month.

The convention, by formal vote, declined to hear Rev. A. J. Diaz, of Cuba.

The Committee on Co-operation reported suggesting the appointment for one year of a committee, composed of the secretaries of the several State
Soards, to provide for a statistical secretary, who shall collect and supply facts
and figures. This report was adopted as
devoid of certain objectionable features that were advocated, and that caused a heated fight last year at New Orleans, Dr. Hatcher at first withheld his name from the report of the committee, but finally, after a speech of explanation, gave his name to it.

News has been received of the death of Rev. C. G. Jones, of Covington, Ky., formerly a Lynchburg pastor. Dr. Eaton has left to preach the funeral.

The Seminary alumni had a meeting this afternoon and decided to have a banquet next year in Savannah. Carter Helm Jones and W. R. L. Smith were Carter elected on the Executive Board of the alumni.

CONVENTION CLOSES. The Committee on Nominations made their report to-day, naming Rev. J. B. Hutson as president of the Foreign Mission Board and T. K. Sands its adultor sion Board and T. R. Sands its adultor and Rev. Dr. J. A. Mundy, of Lynch-lurg, vice-president of the Home Board for Virginia. Their report was adopted. The convention came to a close to-night, the last subject discussed being one of the last subject discussed being one of especial interest to Virginia Baptists. It was the co-ordination of Baptist schools. Rev. Dr. Carroll showed how this work had been done in Texas. The results have been most happy there, thousands of dollars being given to education, where nothing was given before.

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br. W. E. Hatcher was the last speaker, telling what was needed and hoped for in education in Virginia.

Asheville has never seen so great a crowd before. The great Battery Park Hotel has taken care of four hundred and fifty guests and turned many away.

NO SENSATION.

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The sensation promised to occur in the Scuthern Baptist Convention when the committee appointed to investigate the alleged differences between Dr. Diaz, the fermer Cuban missionary, and the Home Mission Board, should give their statement, failed to materialize.

Dr. Diaz left this afternoon directly for Havana. He expressed himself as being delighted with the meeting and said he would carry away with him only the most pleasant remembrances of the occasion.

At this morning's session the report of At this morning's session the report of the Committee on General Sunday-scinol Work was taken up as a special order and read by Dr. J. E. White, of Atlanta. The report congratulates the convention on the work done by Sunday-school boards since its establishment in 1901 and approves the management. The future approves the management. The future of the board is bright and it is in good

approves the management. The future of the board is bright and it is in good working order.

At the afternoon session a telegram from the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in Dallas, was read, saluting the conference and wishing it abundant prosperity.

At to-day's session of the Woman's Missionary Union the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. C. A. Stokeley; Vice-President, Mrs. D. M. Malone, Alabana; Mrs. James P. Eagle, Arkansas; Miss E. M. Dickinson, District of Columbia; Mrs. W. D. Chipley Florida; Miss M. E. Wright, Georgia; Miss E. S. Broadus, Louisiana; Mrs. J. H. Eager, Maryland; Mrs. J. C. Hackett, Mississippi; Mrs. J. L. Burnham, Missouri; Miss F. E. S. Heck, North Carolina; Miss M. L. Coker, South Carolina; Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, Tennessee; Mrs. C. C. Slaughter, Texas; Mrs. A. M. Gwathmey, Virginia; Mrs. M. Choate, Indian (Continued on Second Page.) weeks.

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## IS DISTINCTLY DIVIDED ANNUAL CONFERENCE

in Settling Every Question.

ABLE SERMONS SUNDAY VIRGINIANS ARE DIVIDED

Smith's Chances for Bishop.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

Motion to Suspend Business and Day Be Devoted to Individual Prayer Voted Down Because of the Mover's Attitude on War Claim-Another Big Fight Coming.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) DALLAS, TEXAS, May 12.-The general conference of the M. E. Church, South, was in bad humor this morning occasioned no doubt by the fast that they were undergoing.

On Saturday the conference set apart to-day as one for fasting and prayer for divine guidance in the settlement of the war claim controversy. After the new business had been introduced, W. W. Smith, of Lynchburg, Va., moved that in conformity with that resolution, further business be suspended and the day be observed by individual prayer and that members enlighten themselves on that members enlighten themselves on this question, which may cause another split in the church, so bitter and intense is the feeling. His motion was voted down because of his attitude on the war claim. Yet a few minutes later the conference did adjourn.

INTENSE FEELING.

So intense is the feeling on the war.

So intense is the feeling on the war claim, the convention is as distinctly di-vided as in Congress on political issues. Merits of other subjects cut no figure When a member makes a motion the delegates vote for or against it according to how the mover stands on the war claim. Some members who opposed making to-day one of fasting and prayer, still regard the action as being pharisaical as each man is praying to the Lord to change the man is praying to the Lord to change the mind of the man on the opposite side, as he himself has an abundance of divine guidance and is correct in his deductions.

VIRGINIA DIVIDED.

The Virginia delegation is divided on the question and upon the settlement of the war claim matter when it comes from

the war claim matter when it comes from the committee depends the election of A. Coke Smith, of Norfolk, Va., as one of the new bishops. Dr. Hoss' election is assured and Dr. Coke Smith leads so far in poularity for the other place. To-night the fraternal messenger from

the M. E. Church, North, presented the greetings of that body. ANOTHER FIGHT.

If the present plans of the Virginia delegation do not miscarry they will be the cause of another fight before the con-ference. Indications are that Dr. Barbee, the present senior boog agent, does stand much chance of being reelected.

The Virginians ae booming Bernard F. Lipscomb, of Petersburg, for the place. His opponent is to be R. G. Bigham, of Atlanta, Ga. Representatives of the 'Old Dominion," however, are confident that they will land their man. NIGHT SESSION.

At the night session of the conference ncarly the entire delegation strength of the body was present to listen to the fraternal addresses of the messengers from the Northern Methodist Episcopal Thurch. Both messengers made impres-eve and brilliant efforts, while neither in direct language advocated a reunion of the two churches as expressed pre-viously to the division of 1844; still there were sentences and sentiments that were

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# GENERAL CONFERENCE SCORE OF LIVES LOST; HUNDREDS INJURED

### A Train of Naphtha Cars EXILED VIRGINIANS HOMEWARD BOUND FLAMES FIFTY FEET HIGH

Dr. Charles Cooke, of Missouri, Big Crowd Had Gathered When Again on Sacred Soil.

REAL ESTATE TRUST COMPANY SWEPT BY A WALL OF FIRE

Legislature Recently Granted it a Char-

ter Through Influence Mr. S. S. P. Patteson; Maximum Capital is \$300,000.

Virginians, or the sons of Virginians who have wandered far away and made their fortunes, are returning to the sacred soil.

This fact, which is not a new one, will be strikingly illustrated this very week. Years ago Mr. Charles Cooke left his home, Airwell, near Hewletts, Hanover county, and went to Alabama to live. He is there to-day. But his son, Mr. Chas. B. Cooke, later went to St. Louis, and there made his fortune. It is said on excellent authority that he is worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars. But Mr. Cooke has not been satisfied with West for a home. He had a longing to live, and die, when that time came, in Virginia. But with the sentiment was linked almost the instinct and sound judgment of the business man.

Last spring, having decided to leave St. Louis, he visited the following cities with a view of locating in the one best with a view of locating in the one best suited to his needs as a business man: New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Norfolk and Richmond. It took him but a little while to decide on the latter place. He at once put into operation a plan by which he could come here and become a factor in the business life of the city. of the city.

of the city.

GETS A CHARTER.

Through the influence of Mr. S. S. P.
Patteson, an attorney of this city, a
charter was granted by the last Legislature to the "Real Estate Trust Com-

pany."

The following were the incorporators of the company: Messrs. Chas. B. Cooke, Henry C. Cooper and J. A. Pozzoni, of St. Louis; A. C. Harman, of Richmond, and Samutl Gunder, of Chicago. The minimum capital stock was \$100,000 and the maximum \$300,000. The home office the maximum \$300,000. The home office is to be in this city.

is to be in this city.

The firm will engage in a banking, trust and real estate business. Mr. Cooper is already here. Mr. Cooke and his family are on the way from St. Louis to Richmond. They are coming to stay and their personal property will follow close after them.

Mr. Cooper, with the aid of Mr. Patte-

after them.

Mr. Cooper, with the aid of Mr. Patteson, has just closed successful negotiations for the purchase of "Blenquhain," the exceedingly handsome residence of Mr. A. Bierne Blair, on the Lake Side electric line, near the Ginter country home. Twenty-five acres, just in the rear decidering, this property, have also and adjoining this property, have also just been acquired. The deed was filed by Mr. Patteson in the office of the clerk of Henrico county late yesterday evening. Both purchases were made for Mr. Cooke, and the money for each has

all been paid.

PRICE A SECRET.

What this exceedingly valuable property brought would be an interesting item, but it is not put in the deed and is kept a secret. It is far up into the thousands, probably as much as \$40,000 or \$45,000. Mr. Cooke gets possession at once. That was one of the provisions of

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#### SUMMARY OF THE NEWS the sale. Mr. Cooke, his wife and three children will reach the city day after to-morrow. They will go directly to the Jefferson, FORECAST Tuesday, fair and warmer; Wednesday, air; light to fresh south winds.

Highest temperature yesterday ... owest temperature yesterday ...... LOCAL

Recommendations as to rearranging the Council committees.

Death of Mr. W. J. Glenn, one of the oldest citizens of Richmond.

Jollification at Richmond College last night a very interesting event.

Many Baptists return from the big constraints or Asharille. vention at Asheville.

Meeting of the Medical Society of Ches-

All saloons said to have been closed in Richmond on Sunday.
Interest in the Sixth District contest is

Chesterfield instructs delegates to vote for proclaiming the Constitution. Campbell county defers to the requests of Senator Daniel and verrains from in-

Roanoke. Terrific cyclone in Appomattox county. GENERAL

GENERAL

Not a living soul found in city of St. Pierre. Dead found in heaps in ruined streets, while sharks fed upon corpses floating in surrounding seas. Worst anticipations realized cabled U. S. Consul Ayme, who has gone to scene of disaster. President asks Congress for appropriation of half a million for aid of sufferers. House doubled amount appropriated by Senate.

Senate.

Score of persons killed and hundreds burned, 75 per cent. of them fatally, by explosion of train of naphttha cars in Fennsylvania.

Baptist Convention concludes its work and adjourns.

War claim still paramount issue at Methodist Conference in Dallas.

Anthracite collieries completely tied up. 145,000 miners having gone out. Strike almost certain to be made perpetual unless concessions are granted.

#### MOST COMPLETE TIE-UP IN HISTORY OF ANTHRACITE MINING

Mine Workers to the Number of 145,000 Have Gone Out and Not One of the 357 Collieries is in

Operation. (By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 12.-Mincvorkers throughout the entire anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania to the number of 145,000 formally began their struggle to-day for increased wages and shorter hours. Never in the history of hard coal mining has a tie-up been so complete, not one of the 357 colleries in the territory being in operation. There is every indication to-night for the belief that the suspension which was to cover only the first three days of this week will be made permanent by the miners' eneral convention, which will meet at Hazleton on Wednesday.

Absolute quiet prevailed everywhere today. All the local unions throughout the regions met during the day and evening and elected delegates to the Hazleton convention. It is significant that in every instance where the vote of a "local" became public property the panot showed a decided majority for a permanent strike unless the operators grant concessions Predictions are made that if it is decided on Wednesday to continue the strike the struggle will be longer and more bitter than was that of 1900, which lasted six

The coal companies in various parts of the regions have already made preparations for a siege. Coal train crews, tele graph operators, switchmen, carpenters, machinists and other employes, number-ing several thousand, not identified with the mine-workers' union, have been laid off until further notice. Some of the companies have also brought their mules to the surface and placed them in pastures.

President Mitchell spent a busy day at

with the way the men responded to the call for suspension of work. He will leave for Hazleton to-morrow afternoon.

#### THEIR HEADS GO OFF.

City Councilmen's Terms Are Cut to Eighteen Months.

The action of the Final Revision Com-mittee in cutting the terms of members of city councils and boards of aldermen is the subject of much comment in local political circles. The idea in reducing the terms of these officers was to equalize matters and arrange for the election of both branches at the same time. The terms of the Richmond City Councilmen and Aldermen to be chosen next week will expire within eighteen months instead of two years, and their successors will be elected in November instead of in May.

One of the main objects of the convention has all along been to consoli-date and have fewer elections, and the result as to councilmen follows almost as a logical consequence. The scheme cannot, however, be said to be a popular one, especially with the members who have just been through the fire of a hot campaign.

#### MEET AT VIRGINIA BEACH.

Virginia Press Association to Convene There in June. The Executive Committee of the Vir-

ginia Press Association met yesterday in The Times building and decided to

hold the annual meeting of the organizotion at the Princess Anne Hotel, Virginia Beach, on the 24th of June The members of the committee present were Messrs. C. E. Thacker (president), of his headquarters. He was in close communication with all the district leaders and expressed himself as well satisfied S Copeland, of Richmond.

JOHN SWAN, brakeman, Sheraden, DALLAS BYRD, fireman, Sheraden. FIFTY FEET OF FLAME.

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars, whick were being switched at the yard, and in the switching, the rear car telescoped a car forward. The leaking naphtha ignited

from a switch light, causing an explo-sion, which threw the flames fifty feet high. Much of the escaping naphtna rag through Crok's Run, to Esplen Borough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and Collins House, on River Road, and badly wreck-ing a frame building nearby, in which were congregated 200, or more, sports from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting on the races, base-ball, etc. Few of the cccupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter, of the Sheraden Hotel were seriously, and it is feared, fatally,

The firs tear of naphtha exploded about The his tear of hapatha exploded about 4:40 o'clock, and the spectacle soon at-tracted a large crowd on streets, lining the hills on both sides of, and parallel to the railroad. The second car exploded about 5 o'clock, but it was at 6:15 o'clock when three more cars of the deadly stuff went up with a roar, that could be heard for miles, that the work of destruction MONT PELEE ON SMALL SCALE.

A torrent of flame belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of atillery and sending a shower of flame over their heads, resembling Mont Peles on a small scale. The scene that followed beggars de-

scription. The successive explosion had heated the air to such an extent that before the third explosion many were ren-dered unconscious by the extreme heat

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Graduates of the University College of Medicine announced. Recommendations as to rearranging the

growing. Chesterfield County Court met yesterday.

Frof. H. A. White will go to South
Carolina.

Pickett Camp to visit Norfolk.

Hebrew Memorial Association will hold

Heorew Memorial Association with sold its annual exercises to-morrow.

Mr. Charles B. Cooke, millionaire of St.
Louis, purchases Mr. A Beirne Blair's house and twenty-five acres of land near Ginter's country home for a residence.
Real Estate Trust Company, recently, chartered, to be organized.

MICCINILA

VIRGINIA

of Senator Daniel and refrains from in-structing how to vote on the Constitution. Glass called on to run for Congress and responds happily. Botetourt votes for proclamation, and so does Scott. Louisa also votes to proclaim. Local option petitions being numerously signed. Knights of Columbus organize in Staun-ton.

ton.

The locomotive engineers in session at Norfolk. Chief officers entertained at

# on the steamer. The whole north end of the island was

# Successful Applicants for Diplo-

The faculty of the University College ments to the various hospitals annually made from the graduating class of this institution.

The following were appointed to fill positions as resident physicians in the stations have the stations beginning the stations beginning the stations are set that the stations have the stations are set that the stations have the stations are set that the stations have the stations are set that the stations are set the stations are set the stations are set the stations are set that the stati

positions as resident provided the various hospitals:

The Virginia Hospital-Dr. N. I. Ardan, Olyphant, Pa. and Dr. H. W. Randolph, Richmond, Va.

St. Luke's Hospital-Dr. F. L. Costen-

St. Luke's Hospital-Dr. F. L. Coscelballer, Potomac Mills, Va.
The City Almshouse Hospital-Dr. G.
L. Morriss, Sultan, Va.
The Retreat for the Sick-Dr. H. L.
Pippin, Greendale, Va.
The Sheltering Arms Hospital--Dr. J.
O. Wilson, Shelby, N. C.
The Richmond Eye, Ear and Throat
Hospital-Dr. J. W. Miller, Simmonsville Va.

G. B. Graves, Castor, Va.
Following is the authentic list of those receiving degrees in the different depart-

McManus, Harper's Cross Roads, N. C.; L. Connie Smith, Wyatt's Mills, N. C.; James McNair Stover, Churchville, Va.; W. H. Traynham, Dillwyn, Va.; Austin Alvin Weaver, Lexington Va. For the Degree of Graduate in Pharmacy-Meredith Daniel, Norfolk, Nebraska;

acy—Meredith Daniel, Norfolk, Nebraska; Arthur M. Duvall, Farmville, Va.; Charles L. Guthrie, Willia, Va.; James Marcellus Lea, Danville, Va.; John W. Rison, Richmond, Va.; George J. Savage, Cherriton, Va.; Dexter E. Seagle, Pu-laski, Va.; R. W. Wood, Richmond, Va. For the Degree of Bachelor of Pharm-(a new degree)-W. F. Rudd, Rich-The session of 1901-1902 marks the interval between the three-year course and the four-year course in the Department of Medicine. The graduating class in this department is, therefore, than any class graduated by this institu-tion since the second year of its exist-ence. The classes in the Departments of

Denistry and Pharmacy are the largest that have yet graduated in these departments. The smoker given by the Alumni Asso. found clatfon of the college to alght in honor of the visiting alumni and students will be the first event of the commencement that programme, and will be a general return on and celebration. There are in the city now quite a number of alumal, and others are expected to-day. To-morrow the Alumni Association will hold its annual business meeting. On Thursday cirics at the Virginia Hospital will con-sume the day, and that night the commencement exercises proper will be held at the Academy of Music. Hon. John

#### Goode will be the orator on this occasion

THE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS. Norfolk Decorated With the Colors of

the Order. (By Associated Press.) NORFOLK, VA., May 12—From every section of the Union, from Mexico and Canada, the advance guard of delegates to the biennial convention of the Brother-hood of Locomotive Engineers, which will open here Wednesday noon, poured into Norfolk to-day. The streets and hotel lobbies are thronged with the visitors, but the committees in charge are handling the crowd with great case. Norfolk is a city of red, white and green, nearly every house of business being porfusely decorated with the colors of the organization. Grand Chief Arthur and the other high officials of the order will arrive here to-morrow morning on a special train of three sections which left

Columbus this morning. The principal question to come before he convention will be modification of he laws regulating the insurance de-

The programme for the convention up The opening exercises on Wednesday will include an address of welcome by Governor Montague and Mayor Beaman, addresses by B. R. Lacy, State treasurer of North Carolina; Grand Chief Arthur Mrs. W. A. Murdock, grand president of the Ladies' Auxiliary; State Labor Commissioner Doherty and Patrick Fennel. On Thursday the convention will observe Confederate memorial day. "Virginia day" will be observed on Fri-

### day, the 15th, DR. WHITE WILL GO TO COLUMBIA

He Resigns a Professorship at Washington and Lee Uni-

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ral Assembly, which meets in Jackson, Miss., May 16th, as one of the two menis-

terial delegates from the Lexington Pres-

It was learned in Richmond last night

# versity.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LEXINGTON, VA., May 12.—Information has been received here of the election of Rev. Henry Alexander White.
D. D., professor of history of Washington and Lee University, to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. It is not known whether Dr. White will accept, as he is now in Richmond, on his way to attend the Presbyterian Gene-

that Dr. White has accepted the pro-fessorship at Columbia Seminary and will enter upon his duties were next session. He is well known in Richmond and Virginia. For some ten years he has occupied the chair of history in Washington and Dee University. He married a daughter of Judge B. R. Wellfo. Jr., Jr., which Bishmond. session. He is well known in Richmond and has frequently visited Richmond.

Dr. White is a native of West Virginia, but has spent the larger portion of his life in Virginia. He was educated at Washington and Lee University and Un-